

## Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 05278 011507Z

53

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 USIA-15 TRSE-00

SAJ-01 SS-20 NSC-10 ACDA-19 OMB-01 MC-02 AID-20 DRC-01

/154 W

----- 004901

R 011215Z NOV 73

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2481

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

CJUSMAG ATHENS

C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 5278

E.O. 11652: GDS 12-31-79

TAGS: NATO, MCAP, GR

SUBJECT: DRN MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION - GREECE

REF: A. USNATO 5109

B. USNATO 3887

SUMMARY: DURING OCTOBER 30 MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF GREEK 1974-1978 FORCE PLANS, CHAIRMAN HIGHLIGHTED THE DEPENDENCE OF GREEK FORCE PLANS ON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE; THE DIFFICULTIES OF LONG-RANGE PLANNING GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES OF FUTURE FOREIGN AID, AND THE LACK OF FIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR REINFORCEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. OPENING DRC EXAMINATION OF GREEK FORCE PLANS FOR THE 1974-78 PERIOD, CHAIRMAN (HUMPHREYS) CALLED ATTENTION TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH GREEK PLANS RELIED ON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE--THE HETEROGENEOUS MIXTURE OF EQUIPMENT STEMMING FROM FOREIGN AID HAD FURTHER RESULTED IN NUMEROUS LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PROBLEMS, WHILE UNCERTAINTIES OVER THE FUTURE OF FOREIGN AID HAD RENDERED BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM FORCE PLANNING EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, LEADING CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 05278 011507Z

TO POSSIBLE UNECONOMICAL USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

2. SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE (GEN MILLER) RECOGNIZED SUBSTANTIAL EFFORTS BEING MADE BY GREECE TO IMPROVE FORCES BUT REITERATED

CHAIRMAN'S CONCERN OVER RELIANCE ON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF PLANNING UNLESS EXTENT OF FUTURE ASSISTANCE WAS KNOWN. HE POINTED IN PARTICULAR TO THE GROWING QUANTITY OF OBSOLESCENT EQUIPMENT; TO THE ALMOST NON-EXISTANT NBC PROTECTION; TO THE SLIPPAGE IN MEETING GOALS AND THE ALMOST COMPLETE ABSENCE OF OPERATIONAL STOCKS AS OF SPECIAL CONCERN, AND NOTED THAT GREEK EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FORCE WERE LOST IN THE OVERALL MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM.

3. U.S. (CLINARD) COMMENTING ON THE SMALL SHARE OF DEFENSE RESOURCES (9.2 PERCENT IN 73) BEING DEVOTED TO PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT, NOTED THAT AN INCREASE WAS FORECAST FOR THE 1974-78 PERIOD AND HOPED THAT FURTHER INCREASES MIGHT BE MADE. POINTING TO THE LACK OF ABILITY OF GREEK FORCES TO SURVIVE IN A NBC ENVIRONMENT, HE QUESTIONED WHETHER A RELATIVELY MODEST EXPENDITURE IN THIS FIELD MIGHT NOT RESULT IN A COMPARATIVELY LARGE IMPROVEMENT IN GREECE'S NBC POSTURE. GREEK REPRESENTATIVE IN REPLY STATED THAT THE 9,000 MILLION DRACHMAE IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS PROGRAMMED FOR THE SECOND 5-YEAR ARMAMENTS PROGRAM IN THE 1973-77 TIME FRAME WERE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FUNDS DEVOTED TO PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT.

4. UK (MACDONALD) QUESTIONED THE RELATIVELY LOW NUMBER OF SHIPS EARMARKED TO NATO AS COMPARED WITH THOSE UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND. GREEK REPRESENTATIVE REPLIED THAT GREECE CONSIDERED THAT A MAJORITY OF THEIR MAJOR COMBAT UNITS HAD BEEN EARMARKED TO NATO; PLANNING FOR THE USE OF THOSE UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND HAD BEEN COORDINATED WITH NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND THERE WERE NO PLANS (EXCEPT IN CASE OF 2 SUBMARINES) FOR EARMARKING MORE UNITS FOR NATO. MACDONALD FURTHER QUESTIONED PLANS FOR THE 74-77 PERIOD WHICH INDICATED ONE ATTACK SQUADRON OF 18 PLANES MORE THAN PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. GREEK REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT THIS SQUADRON WAS, IN FACT, NOT ADDITIONAL TO THE TOTAL GREEK FORCE BUT ONE OF THE PRESENT SQUADRONS WHICH GREECE EXPECTED TO EARMARK TO NATO AFTER MODERNIZATION OF ITS EQUIPMENT.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 05278 011507Z

5. ITALY (CAMPANA) ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON LOW NUMBER OF GROUND FORCE RESERVISTS PLANNED TO BE RECALLED FOR TRAINING. IN REPLY, GREEK REP STATED THAT GROUND FORCE CONSCRIPTS SERVED 24-27 MONTHS AND IN EVENT OF MOBILIZATION THE LATEST RELEASED WOULD BE THE FIRST CALLED UP AND THEREFORE NOT IN NEED OF TRAINING. TRAINING WAS RESERVED PRIMARILY FOR SPECIALISTS IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THERE MIGHT BE A SHORTAGE IN THOSE RECENTLY RELEASED.

6. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED BY UNDERSCORING THE REQUIREMENT FOR PLANNING FOR RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR REINFORCEMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM US AND UK, AND APPARENT LACK OF PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. HE NOTED THAT HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO THIS QUESTION DURING THE TURKISH MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION.

COMMENT. THIS TOPIC ALSO DISCUSSED IN UK MULTILATERAL (USNATO 5109) WITH REGARD TO UK-NORWEGIAN PLANS FOR RECEPTION OF UK FORCES. END COMMENT. TURNING AGAIN TO QUESTION OF EXTERNAL AID, HUMPHREYS WONDERED WHY THIS COULD NOT BE PROGRAMMED ON A LONGER TERM BASIS, THEREBY FACILITATING BETTER PLANNING AND UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES FOR THOSE COUNTRIES, LIKE GREECE, WHICH ARE DEPENDENT ON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. US REP REFERRED TO DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED--THE UNCERTAINTIES FOR LONG-RANGE PLANS ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF FUNDS.

8. WE EXPECT QUESTIONS ON BILATERAL PLANNING FOR RECEPTION FACILITIES AND LONG-RANGE EXTERNAL AID PLANS TO BE RAISED AGAIN DURING THE TURKISH EXAMINATION ON NOVEMBER 5, AS WELL AS DURING US MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION. ACTION REQUESTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT PRIOR TO TURKISH MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION, AND RECOMMEND THAT US REPRESENTATIVES AT MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF US PLANS BE PREPARED TO FIELD QUESTIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON THESE TWO TOPICS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR REINFORCING BOTH THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FLANKS.  
MCAULIFFE

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 02 APR 1999  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 NOV 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** boyleja  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973NATO05278  
**Document Source:** ADS  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** 11652 GDS 12-31-79  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** NATO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19731165/abqcedcc.tel  
**Line Count:** 134  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** n/a  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** A. USNATO 5109 B. USNATO 3887  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** boyleja  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 14 AUG 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <14-Aug-2001 by kellerpr>; APPROVED <26-Sep-2001 by boyleja>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** DRN MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION - GREECE  
**TAGS:** NATO, MCAP, GR  
**To:** STATE  
SECDEF INFO ATHENS  
CJUSMAG ATHENS  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005